

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant requests the claims be amended to read:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A masonry tuck point tool comprising:

5 a selected tuck blade and at least one remaining tuck blade pivotally attached at a first end, said selected tuck blade and each of said at least one remaining tuck blade having a distinct blade width, wherein said selected tuck blade is pivoted approximately 180 degrees away from said at least one remaining tuck blade thereby allowing said at least one remaining tuck blade to be used as a handle at said first end while said selected tuck blade is utilized for striking a masonry joint with a second end opposite said first end of said at least one remaining tuck blade, wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are uniformly bent to permit parallel stacking.

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2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are rigid spring steel.

20 3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck are hard plastic.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are bent at an approximately 35 degree angle across said blade width between said first end and said second end.

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5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are of distinct lengths.

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6. (WITHDRAWN) A method of striking a mortar joint between two adjacent masonry elements with a masonry tuck point tool, said masonry tuck point tool having a selected tuck blade and at least one remaining tuck blade pivotally attached at a first end of said selected tuck blade and said remaining tuck blades, comprising:

- 5 determining a desired grout width;
 selecting said selected tuck blade having said desired grout width;
 rotating said selected tuck blade approximately 180 degrees away from
 said remaining tuck blades;
 grasping said remaining tuck blades;
10 dragging said selected tuck blade between the adjacent masonry elements
 at a depth required to create the desired grout joint appearance.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are bent at an angle of
15 approximately between 20 and 35 degrees across said blade width between said first
 end and said second end.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 4, wherein said
20 angle is approximately equidistant between said first end and said second end.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 7, wherein said
 angle is approximately equidistant between said first end and said second end.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said
25 selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade have similar blade
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11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A masonry tuck point tool, comprising:

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a selected tuck blade and an at least one remaining tuck blade pivotally attached at a first end, said selected tuck blade and each of said at least one remaining tuck blade having a distinct blade width,
wherein said selected tuck blade is pivoted approximately 180 degrees away from
5 said at least one remaining tuck blade thereby allowing said at least one remaining tuck blade to be used as a handle at said first end while said selected tuck blade is utilized for striking a masonry joint with a second end opposite said first end of said at least one remaining tuck blade,
wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are
10 uniformly bent at an angle of from 20 to 35 degrees between said first end and said second end to permit parallel stacking.